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REV. FORTUNE CHARLES BROWN, B.A., '33, Ø. B. K.

Bridgewater, N. Y. Student, Union College, 1831-'33; law student, Bridgewater and Rochester, N. Y., 1833-'36; General Theological Seminary, N. Y., 1837-'40. Episcopal clergyman. In charge of missions, Waterville, N. Y., and Peru, Ind., 1840-'46. Rector Episcopal churches; Michigan City, Ind., 1846-'51; Avon, N. Y., 1851-'70; Delaware, Wis., 1870-'76. Chaplain Children's Home, Rochester, N. Y., 1876-'88. Died, Rochester, N. Y., June 27, 1888.

From: Kappa Alpha in Union College
1825-1913

84 Rev. Fortune Charles Brown, B.A.,
'33; F.B.K. Born, Brookfield, N. Y.,
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CLASS OF 1833 , UNION COLLEGE: STATISTICS FOR PERSONAL RECORD.*

If more space is needed, write on the back of this sheet.

Name in full Fortune Charles Brown (*Rev'd*)
 Residence address
 Business address
 Present occupation or profession *Episcopal Clergyman*
 Firm or corporation
 Birthplace and date of birth Brookfield, N.Y., July 30, 1813. *Storington, Conn.*
 Full name of father Oliver Brown Born Dec. 17, 1769 at *^*
 Father's occupation or profession *Farmer, County Judge and Member of New York Legislature 1811-17.*
 Full maiden name of mother Desire Butler Born Oct. 8, 1775 at
 Preparatory School Bridgewater Academy
 Colleges, if any, before entering Union
 Residence on entering, date and Course In residence Sept., 1831 to July, 1833.
 Special undergraduate work
 Part in athletics
 College Literary and Greek-letter Societies Kappa Alpha
 College and Class honors, offices and prizes Phi Beta Kappa
 If left before graduation, give date
 Colleges attended later, if any, with dates
 Degree on graduation, where and when rec'd B. A. 1833
 Law, Med., Div. or other professional school General Theological Seminary, N. Y. 1837-1840. *A.D. 1840*
 Other post-graduate study, with dates
 Degrees for same, where and when rec'd
 If admitted to the Bar, Court and date
 Honorary Degrees, where and when rec'd
 Church membership or affiliation *Episcopal Clergyman, Ordained priest 1842, Held Charges in Waterville N.Y., Michigan City, Ind., Avon, N.Y., Delavan, Wis., and Rochester, N.Y.*
 Public services or offices, with dates
 Politics
 Literary work, books written and travels *Book: Christ on the Throne and Antichrist, Rochester, 1885.*
 Other special work or interests
 Clubs and organizations
 Favorite recreations
 Height ft. in.; size hat ; weight lbs.
 Married? *yes*. If so, date, place, wife's full name Sarah C. Lewis
 her father's full name, her mother's full maiden name *Everett Lewis, Mary Rindge (Lewis)*
 full name of each child with Arthur Charles Lewis Brown, August 18, 1869, Avon, N.Y.
 date and place of birth and Olive Brown (Mrs. A. Harding) May 18, 1871, Delevan, Wis.
 date of death of any deceased
 Relatives identified with any College: Name, *The son Arthur C. L. Brown is (Feb 3^d 1919) Professor of English in Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill. He filled out this sheet on the date given.*
 relationship, College and Class of each
 and if as officer, trustee or instructor, so state
 Any additional information of interest
Rev'd F. C. Brown died in Rochester, N.Y. June 27, 1888.

*For a deceased member, fill out the foregoing as of the year in which he died, and add date and place of death, its cause, and any special circumstances attending it.

1833

June 22 '55

To *A. C. Brown* of the Class that graduated at Union College, in the year 1833
(or, if deceased, to the friend or relative who knew him best :)

SIR,—

It is the aim of the subscriber, in collecting the information asked for by the following questions, to obtain materials for a concise Biographical Catalogue of the Trustees, Presidents, Professors and Tutors of Union College;—of those who have received Honorary Degrees from it, and of all who have ever entered that Institution, whether Graduates or not.

That such a work would be interesting and useful to the Alumni, will not be denied; but whether it be practicable, will depend chiefly upon the ready aid which they shall impart. This circular will be sent to every Graduate whose residence is known, (or, if deceased, to some near connection,) and it is confidently expected that no one will neglect to return it in due time, with as full information as circumstances will allow:—some of the questions, indeed, it may not be possible to answer with certainty; others not at all: still, it is hoped that no important facts will be withheld because of their fewness.

Death has removed the twenty-four original Trustees, the first three Presidents, the early Professors and Tutors, and from eight hundred to one thousand of the Alumni of the College. Doubtless their friends and descendants will cheerfully contribute such information as may be necessary to illustrate the lives and services of the departed.

The subscriber desires every aid that may help to throw light upon the personal history of those concerned:—Obituary Notices; Biographical Sketches, Epitaphs, Funeral Sermons, Newspaper Notices of election to important offices or stations, Business Cards and Advertisements; also, copies of their Literary Works, Addresses, Sermons, Essays, Newspapers, engraved Portraits, &c.; all of which will be deposited and preserved in an Alcove of the College Library, to be set apart for "Graduates' Works."

He also requests that all future changes affecting the answers which shall be given, be made known to him from time to time:—especially the deaths of Graduates, and that the usual obituary notices or funeral sermons published on such occasions, be sent with the announcements, as it is his purpose to publish these deaths hereafter once a year.

JONATHAN PEARSON, *Librarian.*

UNION COLLEGE,
SCHENECTADY, N. Y. }

SPECIMENS OF BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES FOR THE PROPOSED CATALOGUE.

John Glidden Brown was born in Quinipeck, N. Y., May 2, 1800; parents, James and Elizabeth (Glidden) Brown, who moved to Epsom, N. Y., in 1806. He was prepared for College at Helderbergh High School, under the instruction of Rev. Moses Johnson, and entered Union College Jan. 1817. He studied law with Hon. Septimus H. Smith, of Great Falls; was admitted to the bar in 1821; and commenced the practice of law in Albany, with James S. Van Hoesen, Esq. In 1830 he moved to New-York City, which, thereafter, became his residence. He was Member of N. Y. Assembly 1832-5; State Senator 1836-8; Member of Congress 1839-41; and Judge of the Superior Court 1842-6. He died June 30, 1849, of cholera, aged 49 years. Besides occasional speeches, orations and opinions, he wrote a work on constitutional law, and edited the N. Y. State Papers. He received the Degree of L. L. D. from Hamilton College in 1846.

Joseph Henshaw Luther was born in Hanover, Mass., June 1, 1798; parents, Joseph and Madeline (Henshaw) Luther; prepared for College at Yorkville Academy, John Almy, Esq., Principal; and entered Union College Sept. 1814. He taught, 1818-20, in East Philadelphia, (Penn.) High School; graduated at Princeton Theological Seminary in 1823; and was ordained Sept. 25, 1823, at Marbletown, N. Y.; and was Pastor of the Presbyterian Church till 1825. He was Pastor of the 1st Congregational Church of Haselton, Conn., 1825-30; Professor of Rhetoric in Erie College 1831-40; retired on account of ill health, and now resides in Philadelphia, Pa. He has published six sermons on various occasions; a series of lectures on Rhetoric and Belles Lettres, and the "Communicant's Companion." He received the Degree of D. D. from the Hudson University in 1842.

Thomas Pennington Radway was born Feb. 23, 1778, in Benton, N. Y.; parents, John Harmony and Mary (Pennington) Radway; was prepared for College at High Holme School, Rev. Hanover Kelton, Principal; entered Union College Sept. 1795; taught a few months in Suncook, Mass., in 1799; studied medicine with Dr. Jonas Physic and Dr. Abram Potecar, of Camermile; attended medical lectures at the College of Surgeons and Physicians, and was admitted to, and commenced the practice of medicine in La Rhine, in 1806. He was Surgeon in the Army 1813-15, and returned to practice at Oldbury in 1815, where he has since resided. He lectured in the Fairhaven Medical School on Anatomy and Physiology, 1830-5, and has published several articles in the New-York Medical Review, and two larger works on the "Functions of the Brain," and on "Gunshot Wounds."

- N. B. 1. Let the answers to the following questions be as full and *authentic* as possible; but when doubtful let them be marked thus (?).
2. When the person is deceased let some near relative or friend fill out the blanks to the best of his knowledge; if he have but *one fact*, let that be sent.
3. Let as much time be taken as may be found necessary for this purpose, and no more.
4. In case this sheet be not sufficient to contain all the facts to be sent, add another of the *same size*, if possible, leaving an inner margin of not less than one inch for binding.
5. In cases where no answers to this circular shall be returned, the editor will be obliged to publish such names without any biographical notices, or to rely upon information gathered from other sources, and, therefore, not always authentic.

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INFORMATION REQUIRED FOR THE FOREGOING SKETCHES.

I. Name. *Fortune Charles Brown*

[Let this be written plainly and the middle names in full.]

II. Names of both Parents; thus:—

[John and Elizabeth (Smith) Johnson.]

Oliner & Desine (Butler) Brown

III. Birth Place. *Brookfield N.Y.*

Birth Day and Year.

July 30th 1813

IV. Various residences and dates; thus:—

[Pittsfield, Mass., 1814-24; Albany, N. Y., 1824-30; New-York City, 1830-34.]

Parents removed to

Bridgewater Oneida Co. in 1817.

V. At what Academy or Academies prepared for College, with Principals and dates; thus:—

[Albany Academy, Benjamin Allen, L. L. D., 1815-17.]

Bridgewater

Academy under John Diehl afterwards missionary to the Sandwich Islands and Andrew Thompson Esq. lawyer of N York city

VI. At what College he graduated, and when. *Union College in 1833.*

VII. The occupation he followed after leaving college before studying his profession; thus:—

[Teaching, Washington, D. C., 1847-48, or Merchant's Clerk, New-York City, 1849-51.]

Read law with John Rugey in Bridgewater one year & with the Hon Moses Chapin in Rochester two years

VIII. The profession he studied; where; with whom; when; thus:—

[Theology at Princeton Theological Seminary, 1822-5 or Law in Albany, N. Y., with Hon. Harmanus Bleecker, 1840-2.]

March 20th 1836.

Baptised by the Rev Dr Whitehouse Rector of St Lukes Church Rochester. Studied in General Theological Seminary of the Protestant Episcopal Church 1837-40 & graduated there 1840.

IX. Where he has practised his profession, with dates; and in case he be a clergyman, mention the denomination to which he belongs; thus:—

[Epis., Somerville, N. J., 1827-30; Pres., Albany, N. Y., 1830-5; New-York City, 1835-54.]

Made Deacon in St Peter's

Church N York City June 30th 1840 by Bishop B. T. Onderdonk. & ordained Priest in Grace Church Waterville Aug 19th 1842 by W. H. DeLancey Bishop of Western New York.

X. The other occupations he has followed, when and where; thus:—

[Merchant, Rochester, N. Y., 1829-35; or Farmer, Genesee, N. Y., 1835-54; or Manufacturer, Schoharie, N. Y., 1841-42; or Professor, teacher, banker, editor, &c.]

was missionary at Waterville 1840-5 at Peru, Indiana 1846- Rector of Trinity Church Michigan City Indiana 1847-51- and of Zion Church Avon N.Y. 1851- since 1851.

XI. The important offices he has held, with dates; thus:—

[Sarrogate of Jefferson Co., N. Y., 1839-41 and 1845-7; Member of Congress, 21st district, N. Y., 1841-43; Member of Assembly, of N. Y., 1821-4, &c., &c.]

XII. The Literary or Scientific Works he has written or edited.

[Copies are solicited for the "Graduates Alcove" in College Library.]

XIII. The names of his relatives who graduated at Union College.

John Rugey Esq. was his brother in law having married his eldest sister in 1821.

XIV. The literary, professional, or honorary titles he received; from whence, with dates; thus:—

[M. D., from Albany Medical College 1845; or LL. D., Amherst College, 1850, &c.]

XV. Is there an engraved portrait of him?

[One or two copies, together with his autograph, are solicited for College Library.]

XVI. The date, circumstances, and place of his death.

[Send any printed notice, biographical sketch, funeral sermon, &c. In many instances more space will be required to answer this and the three following questions, in which case add an additional sheet.]

XVII. General information respecting character, services, success, interesting passages and events in his life, &c.

XVIII. Some account of his pedigree and family; its original seat in this or the old country, &c., &c.

His father came from Stonington Conn 1792 or 3 - was the grandson of Ichabod Brown whose old place is well known there yet - The ancestors came from Salan Mass -

Desire Brown (his mother) was the youngest daughter of Capt Charles Butler of Weatherfield Conn who fought at Bunker Hill & died near the close of the war. His sword is still with me - as well as his name -

XIX. List of such graduates as may not be widely known; their residences, professions, dates of deaths, &c.; the name and residence, also, of some near friend of the deceased, that further information may be sought for; thus:—

[John Orton Smith, Banker, Chicopee, Mass., died 1848. His brother, Joseph H. Smith, resides in Springfield, Mass.]

Oliver Brown (his father) - was widely known in Madison & Oneida County as Judge - He was member of the N.Y. Legislature in 1811 & 1817. He held various local offices & was Justice of the Peace for nearly 30 years of his life - He died at Bridgewater in 1849.

Oliver Butler Brown (his brother) was brigadier general in Oneida County for many years - resides in Bridgewater

Hon John Ruger. died at Syracuse N.Y. 1855. His Son ^{there} William C. Ruger ^{there} resides

1833

#84. Rev. Fortune Charles Brown

Parents: Oliver and Desire (Butler) Brown

Born: Brookfield, N.Y., July 30, 1813. Parents removed to Bridgewater, Oneida Co., in 1817.

School: Bridgewater Academy.

Graduated Union College in 1833.

Read law with John Ruger in Bridgewater one year and with the Hon. Moses Chapin in Rochester two years.

Baptized by the Rev. Dr. Whitbourn, Rector of St. Luke's Church, Rochester March 20, 1836.

Studied in General Theological Seminary of the Protestant Episcopal Church, 1837-'40, and graduated there 1840.

Made deacon in St. Peter's Church, New York City, June 30, 1840, by Bishop B. D. Anderson, and ordained Priest in Grace Church, Waterville, Aug. 19, 1842 by W. H. Delaney, Bishop of Northern New York. Was missionary at Waterville, 1840-1845; at Peru, Indiana, 1846; Rector of Trinity Church, Michigan City, Ind., 1847-1851; and of Zion Church, Avon, N.Y.,

Since 1851,

John Ruger Esq. married his elder sister in 1821.

From Questionnaire filled out in 1855

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Rev. Fortune Charles Brown,

Father: Oliver Brown, born Dec. 17, 1769, at Stonington, Conn. He was ^{farmer,} County judge and member of the New York Legislature, 1811-1817. He came from Stonington, Conn., in 1792 or 3.

Oliver Brown (Sr.) was widely known in Madison County and Oneida County as judge. He was member of the N.Y. legislature. He held numerous local offices and was justice of the Peace for nearly 30 years. He died at Bridgewater in 1849.

Oliver Butler Brown (brother of Fortune) was Brigadier general in Oneida County for many years. Lived in Bridgewater.

Mother: Elsie Brown (mother of Fortune) was the youngest daughter of Capt. Charles Butler of Weatherfield, Conn., who fought at Bunker Hill and died near the close of the War. Elsie Brown, born Oct. 8, 1775.

In residence at Union College Sept. 1831 - to July, 1833.

Married: Sarah C. Lewis, daughter of Everett Lewis and Mary Rindge Lewis.

Children: Arthur Charles Lewis Brown, b. Aron, N.Y., Aug. 18, '69
 Olive Brown Harding, b. May 18, '71, Delavan,

Rev. Fortune C. Brown died in Rochester, June 27, 1888

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